

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS			
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	42.7		
Hours flown	39.8		
Monthly offset	-2.9		
53rd Rescue Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	99.0		
Hours flown	63.3		
Monthly offset	-35.7		
909th Air Refueling Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	147.0		
Hours flown	208.6		
Monthly offset	61.0		
44th Fighter Squadron			
Monthly sortie contract	118.0		
Sorties flown	116.0		
Monthly offset	-2.0		
67th Fighter Squadron			
Monthly sortie contract	118.0		
Sorties flown	67.0		
Monthly offset	-51.0		
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Dec. 13			

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy
NE winds @ 10-12 knots
High: 77 Low: 61

SATURDAY: Windy and Mostly Cloudy
SW to NW winds @ 12 knots
High: 77 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly Cloudy
N to NE winds @ 10 knots
High: 75 Low: 61

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITY BANK
EXCHANGE RATES
BUYING: \$1=Y103 SELLING: Y108=\$1

Gearred up for giving

Team Kadena, families participate in holiday activities



Debra Grace, Bob Hope Primary School's music teacher, directs second and third grade students as they sing holiday carols for hospital staff and patients at Camp Lester Naval Hospital Wednesday.

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
18th Wing Public Affairs

With the holiday season in full swing, many Kadena Airmen and their families are doing their share to spread holiday cheer.

Below are some of the events Team Kadena members have participated in, or plans to participate in the next few weeks.

□ Nearly 50 students from Bob Hope Primary School visited Camp Lester's Naval Hospital Wednesday to sing holiday carols for patients and hospital staff.

"It's a time of giving and the kid's had music to share," explained Debra Grace, the student's music teacher who directed the carolers. "Music has healing power and that's what patients at the hospital need. We also wanted to say thanks to the hospital staff for what they do every day."

Jenny VanAckern, wife of Tech. Sgt. Chris VanAckern of the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, was excited to see her son Taylor, perform while she recovered from surgery.

"I'm pulling double duty today as a parent of one of the performers and I'm also a patient," she said with a smile while her 7-year-old boy sang *Jingle Bells*. "This is an awesome Christmas present because I thought he was going to perform at a hospital off base, but he came here."

Hannah Rad performed for her father, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Cyrus Rad who works in the hospital's optometry unit, as well as her grandmother and aunt who were visiting from the states.

"They flew more than 8,000 miles just to see her sing," joked Hannah's mother, Allison Rad, who also attended. "I think that it's wonderful what they did for the patients and staff members here at the hospital."

The carolers also sang a few holiday songs in Japanese.

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Kadena raises more than \$350K for CFC

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

As the Combined Federal Campaign officially came to a close Wednesday, Kadena officials said they were pleased with the generosity Team Kadena showed through donations this year.

Although officials are still tallying up the total amount of donations, Capt. Fenny Evers, wing co-chairperson, said more than \$350,000 had been raised for this year's campaign. The goal for this year's campaign was \$400,000.

Organizers were also successful in making 100 percent contact with potential contributors.

"This was a monumental task for our volunteers since there are over 9,500 personnel associated with the Kadena community," said Captain Evers. "We met this goal with great success."

Captain Evers said that although the exact amount is unknown, many people donated to the Family Support and Youth Programs at Kadena.

"That benefits our programs right here at Kadena 100 percent," she said.

CFC organizers said they received more than 1,600 pledge forms, with many others donating to the campaign by participating in a bowl-a-thon, car wash, and golf tournament.

"Even with the holidays, deployments, exercises and inspections in full swing, [Kadena] people still found the time and heart to donate to their favorite charity," Captain Evers added.

Though the campaign didn't reach this year's donation goal, Captain Evers said the campaign managed to top last year's average contribution per person of \$174.

"This year's campaign reached an average contribution of approximately \$200 per person," she explained.

Kadena trains Japanese for historic airspace reversion

By Maj. Michael Paoli
18th Wing Public Affairs

Japanese air traffic controllers in-processed Wednesday for Okinawa airspace control training at Kadena's Radar Approach Control Center. Over the next three years 40 Japanese controllers will receive Okinawa Approach training in preparation for transfer of airspace control to the Japanese government.

"This is a historic day, as we take a step toward reversion of airspace around Okinawa to Japanese authority," said Col Mark Arlinghaus, 18th Operations Support Squadron commander, to local media Wednesday.

"Kadena RAPCON has been keeping Okinawan air travelers safe for more than fifty years," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander. "We now begin the process of handing that important task to Japan. I know our training team will do a fine job."

Five DoD air traffic control instructors will guide an initial group of experienced Japanese controllers through the 10-month cycle of learning the unique control requirements of Okinawa's airspace. Once those controllers are trained on Okinawa Approach,

they, in turn, will help train the next group of controllers. The entire training process is expected to take approximately three years.

"The purpose of RAPCON is universal—flight safety through prevention of collisions, and organizing and expediting an orderly flow," said Gary Brown, U.S. Reversion Training Coordinator. "Our purpose here is to maximize flight safety while training Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau controllers."

Currently 39 U.S. air traffic controllers—34 Airmen and five Marines—handle the aircraft arrival and departure flow for Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Naha Airport and Kadena, orchestrating more than 160,000 operations a year. Approximately 75 percent of the operations controlled by Kadena's RAPCON are civilian aircraft flying in and out of Naha, servicing more than 11 million passengers annually that transit Japan's fifth busiest airport.

"This is a very, very busy aircraft control region," said Col Arlinghaus.

Upon completion of training and follow-up negotiations by the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee in Tokyo, the Japanese government will take control of Okinawa's skies from a new facility at Naha Airport.



It's the deed that counts

Commander discusses importance of helping others

By Maj. William "Tol" Singer
18th Maintenance Operations
Squadron commander

Recently on a flight from the United States to Okinawa, a passenger got so sick that the aircraft had to be diverted from its original stop.

The passenger, in urgent need of medical care, needed to get out of the aircraft immediately, so the captain of the flight asked if "any military men would please help."

Without a moment's pause, four men immediately stood up, met with the flight attendant and lifted the sick passenger to the exit where he was met by medical staff.

Not only did the sick passenger get treated quickly, but the airplane refueled and reached Okinawa only 45 minutes late.

What if every situation we faced were as simple as being asked to stand up and get someone help just as quickly? Are we ready to do it not just for an emergency, but every day for the people we know and work with?

This past month every unit on Kadena took time out to focus on our people during "Wingman Day."

As the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper mentioned in his October Chief's Sight Picture, "stress has been taking its toll on our Airmen. Our suicide rate is skyrocketing, while accidental deaths are more than 36 percent above what they were four years ago."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray noted in his October Enlisted Perspective that, in the past year, "57 Airmen saw no other way to get through a crisis and chose a permanent solution to temporary problems."

The Chief also noted that operations tempo at home station and getting deployed are frequent causes of stress and grief for Airmen and their families.

These facts are even more sobering

when we consider that for each Airman lost, there are many family members, friends, and coworkers who are impacted.

General Jumper said commanders, supervisors and Airmen at all levels need to know when fellow Airmen need help, and ensure they get the help that they need.

The holidays are a time for us all to be extra vigilant, for this time can be especially stressful for military people and their families, those working long hours or separated from their families and friends.

If you know someone who needs help because of stress, family issues, financial or dependency problems, be their wingman.

Talk to that person, listen to them, and get them in touch with a counselor,

their first sergeant, or even their commander. You are the one General Jumper was addressing, and the right person at the right place at the right time can make the difference in another Airman's life.

As I look towards leaving

my squadron command next summer, I realize how quickly the time has gone by. Did I give what my unit and my fellow Airmen actually needed?

I challenge every commander and supervisor to remember what we are here to do, to lead, to take time for our people, to be an example of a wingman for our folks.

In this season of giving and receiving, I encourage us all to not settle for "the thought that counts," for it's the deed that counts to your fellow man.

Give the gift of a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, and companionship for the lonely.

Also be ready to receive help, counsel, and friendship from those who care when you need it.

Finally, let me wish a very happy and safe holiday season to all Team Kadena!

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A word of thanks

Tom "Red" Ryder
18th Fighter Wing Association president

We want to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown to us during our visit last month. The [wing 50th anniversary] dining out was an excellent affair to remember for a long, long time.

Our visit to all of the units of the wing was very inspiring and we felt the greatness of the 18th Wing. When most of us served with the wing it was three fighter squadrons and supporting elements only. It now encompasses all types of Air Force elements.

During the dining out we were continually referred to as "your heritage." This heritage started in 1927. There are so many great people that have built the 18th Wing tradition of excellence that no one small group can accept this honor. You should be extremely proud of your role in continuing this great tradition and can now say that you are part of the 18th Wing heritage.

The 18th Fighter Wing Association was initially formed to bring together Korean Veterans of the 18th Fighter Wing, but it did not stop there. The organization now has members of WWII (two were at Pearl Harbor), Korea, and Vietnam. We want to continue to expand and include The Gulf War, Iraqi Freedom and any future conflicts. This organization is not just the past, it is also the present and the future. It is open to anyone who has served with the 18th Wing and served in the armed forces during a war period. You do not have to actually have served in the conflict.

I know that most of our members are retired, but it would be nice to join with the current people of the 18th Wing. This was a great exchange of our past service and your present. Let's keep it going. Before we left, Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas handed me his check and application for membership. I pray that this relationship can grow and continue to expand to give the wing it's due recognition for many jobs well done.

Applications are available at the 18th Wing History Office. Contact Master Sgt. Joe Orr at 634-0144 for more information.

Please let us continue this relationship. Thanks again for your wonderful hospitality and we look forward to seeing a lot of you in the near future for some new war stories!

18th Fighter Wing Association members that attended the 18th Wing Dining Out Nov. 5 include: George Banasky, Joe and Irene Krakovsky, and Tom and Audrey Ryder.

Don't drink and drive

Good job, Team Kadena! DUIs are down, which means we're doing the right thing by designating drivers, using taxis, calling Airmen Against Drunk Driving, and taking care of our wingmen! Let's continue the trend by remembering that every day is Wingman Day...so don't drink and drive, and don't let your wingman drink and drive. Enjoy the holiday season, and I hope to see you all safe and well-rested in 2005.

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander



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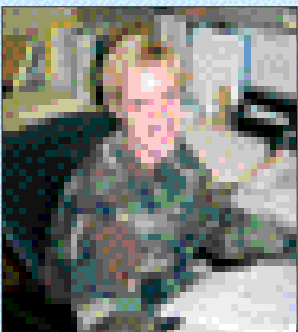
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SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Roxanne I. Marsh

18th Comptroller Squadron, flying hour analyst

Hometown: Augusta, Maine.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Marsh faces each challenge with confidence. Her inventive budget analysis is crucial to organizational success.

Time at Kadena: 6 years, 3 months

Editor's note: *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- More than half a million people are injured in crashes where police reported alcohol was present. That's an average of one person injured approximately every two minutes.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP: Paper-reducing strategies, such as double-sided printing, re-using paper, and using e-mail instead of sending memos or faxing documents not only saves energy, but conserves other resources, such as staff time.

AIR CONDITIONING SHUT OFF: For energy conservation, air conditioning is turned off at Kadena and all military housing areas when the average daily high temperature for seven consecutive days is less than 75 degrees, or no later than Dec. 15. Air conditioning is now being turned off. Heating systems will be turned on when the average daily low temperature for seven days is less than 59 degrees, or no later than Jan. 5.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL: The District Registrar asks incoming parents that have school aged children to wait to enroll their child(ren) in school until after attending the housing briefing so that the student will be enrolled in the correct zoned school. Call 634-

8995 prior to enrolling your child(ren) in school.

FREE E-4 AND BELOW CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Kadena First Sergeants Group is sponsoring a unaccompanied Airman's Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rocker NCO Club. Advance sign-ups are required, call your first sergeant.

VOLUNTEER FOR HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER: Help the youth of Kadena and the local community by volunteering Monday through Thursday at the Hoops Against Hunger Basketball Clinic. Volunteers are needed to check kids in, pass out T-shirts, and collect canned goods. Admission for the clinic is two canned goods. Call Master Sgt. Hamlin at 634-8011 to sign up.

POST OFFICE CLOSURES: The Kadena Post Office (PSC 80) will be closed Dec. 25, 31, and Jan. 1. On these days the Air Mail Terminal will be closed and no inbound or outbound mail will be processed. Customer service hours have been increased to include parcel pickup on Sundays and parcel mailing on Mondays through Dec. 24.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Camp Lester U.S. Navy Hospital is sponsoring two December blood drives. Contact Tracy Parmer at 643-7710 for

more details, or e-mail parmerct@oki10.med.navy.mil.

- Dec. 21 -- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.
- Dec. 22 -- 8 a.m. to noon at the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, Bldg. 3670.

CHANGE OF COMMAND: The 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron will hold a change of command Jan. 7 at 10:01 a.m. in Bldg. 3660. Lt. Col. Roberto Guerrero will assume command from Lt. Col. Swensen.

MARATHON: Applications for the 2005 10-kilometer road race and Okinawa Marathon Feb. 27, must be turned in by Jan. 6, 2005. For more information, call the Risner Fitness Center at 634-5128.

ONLINE HOLIDAY GREETINGS: Family members and friends can send online holiday greetings to Airmen deployed in Iraq this holiday season through the Iraq Newslink Web site at www.afnews.af.mil/greetings.htm. Greetings should be text only, 50 words or less.

CONSTRUCTION: A construction project in the O'Donnell Gardens housing area will affect traffic from Jan. 5 until March 31. Civil engineer officials will notify and advise residents to plan accordingly.

Sugar 'n spice, everything nice



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower
Hannah Samuels, 8, daughter of Maj. Ben Samuels from the 18th Operations Group, participates in an ornament making session at Kadena's Youth Center Saturday. Youth Center children made many different ornaments all day to include gingerbread men, snowmen on skateboards, reindeers, and stockings for Christmas.

Holiday Hours

18th Medical Group Clinic
Dec. 24-27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1-3 -- Closed

Aero Club and Flight Training Center

Dec. 24 -- Open
Dec. 25 -- Office closed, flying open
Dec. 31 -- Open
Jan. 1 -- Office closed, flying open

AirPower Cafe

Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Arts & Crafts Center

Dec. 24 -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sell at Cost Sale -- Noon to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25-27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 2 -- Closed

Auto Skills Development Center

Dec. 24 -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan. 3 -- Closed

Banyan Tree Club

Dec. 24 -- Open
Cashier's Cage
Dec. 25 -- 4 p.m. to close
Jan. 1 -- 4 p.m. to close

Delivery

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Lounge

Dec. 25 -- 4 p.m. to close
Dec. 31 -- Open at 7 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- 4 p.m. to close

Ballroom

Dec. 31 -- Open at 10 p.m.

Slot Room

Dec. 25 -- 4 p.m. to close
Jan. 1 -- 4 p.m. to close

Snack Bar

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Donut Express

Dec. 31 -- 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Banyan Tree Golf Course

Dec. 24 -- Open
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Open
Jan. 1 -- Open

Base Exchange

Dec. 24 -- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 26 -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Open

Chibana Golf Course

Dec. 24 -- 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Child Development Centers

Dec. 24, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Chili's Grill & Bar

Dec. 24 -- 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Open
Jan. 1 -- Open

Commissary

Dec. 24 -- Open
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 26-31 -- Open
Jan. 1, 2 -- Closed

Emery Lanes

Dec. 24 -- 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 26 -- 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed
Jan. 2 -- Open at 8 a.m.

Skoshi Bowl

Dec. 24, 25, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- 3 to 11 p.m.

Family Child Care

Dec. 24, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 3 -- Closed

Jack's Place

Dec. 24 -- 5 to 9 p.m.
Dec. 25, 27 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Johnson Dining Facility

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office

Dec. 22 -- Last day to register a vehicle, complete any title transfers.
Dec. 23 -- Limited services available.
Dec. 24-26 -- Closed
Dec. 27, 28 -- Deregistration and GOJ re-inspections. No initial registrations.
Dec. 29-30 -- Checkouts, out-processing, updating vehicle papers only.
Dec. 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1-3 -- Checkouts, out-processing, updating vehicle papers only.

Kadena Base Library

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Kadena Information, Tickets & Travel

Dec. 24 -- Open
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Open
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Kadena Marina

Dec. 24 -- Close at 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Close at 3 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Kadena Officers' Club

New Year's Eve celebration
Dec. 31 -- 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Lunch Buffet

Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Membership Counter

Dec. 24 -- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27 -- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Jan. 1, 3 -- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Cafe Latte

Dec. 24 -- 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27 -- 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan. 1, 3 -- 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dining Room

Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Customer Service & Catering Office

Dec. 24, 25, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Weekender Lounge

Dec. 24 -- 4 p.m. to midnight
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27 -- 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed
Jan. 3 -- 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Karing Kennels

Dec. 24 -- Close at 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Close at 3 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Marshall Dining Facility

Dec. 25
Breakfast -- 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.
Lunch -- 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Midnight Meal -- 10:30 to 12:30 a.m.

Jan. 1

Brunch -- 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner -- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Midnight Meal -- 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Mike's Italian Garden

Dec. 24 -- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27 -- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed
Jan. 3 -- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

O'Connor Youth Fitness Center

Dec. 24, 24, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Okuma Reservation Office

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 2 -- Closed

Outdoor Recreation

Dec. 24 -- Closed at 3 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Closed at 3 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Kadena Aquatics

Dec. 24, 25, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Platters Snack Bar & TCBY

Dec. 24 -- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27 -- Noon to 7 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan. 1, 3 -- Noon to 7 p.m.

Risner Fitness Center

Dec. 24 -- Closed at 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 26 -- Open at 5 a.m.
Dec. 31 -- Close at 6 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Open at 8 a.m.

Rocker NCO Club

Dec. 24 -- Close at 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Open
Buffet -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Specials -- 5 to 10 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
New Year's Eve Celebration -- 7 p.m. for ticketed customers.
Jan. 1 -- Open at 4:30 p.m.

Schilling Community Center

Dec. 24 -- Noon to 8 p.m.
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- Noon to 8 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

School Age Program

Dec. 24, 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 3 -- Closed

Seaside Inn

Dec. 24 -- Open
Dec. 25 -- Closed
Dec. 31 -- 5 to 9:30 p.m.
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Strickland Dining Facility

Dec. 25 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Teen Center Millennium

Dec. 24, 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1, 3 -- Closed

Veterinary Treatment Facility

Dec. 24, 25 -- Closed
Dec. 27, 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed

Youth Center

Dec. 24, 25, 27 -- Closed
Dec. 26 -- Noon to 6 p.m.
Dec. 31 -- Closed
Jan. 1 -- Closed
Jan. 2 -- Noon to 6 p.m.
Jan. 3 -- Closed

Spreading holiday cheer



Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Heather Tower



Staff Sgt. Jeff Saunders, baritone saxophone player for the Pacific Saxophone Trio, plays Christmas tunes for the 18th Security Forces Squadron Tuesday. The trio played for 19 units at Kadena and at several public locations. The trio also played Christmas songs at the Okinawa Prefectural Police Station Monday (left).

Fire department officials offer holiday safety tips

Staff Sgt. Corey Coleman
18th Civil Engineer Squadron
fire inspector

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increase risk of fire in the home.

By carefully decorating your home and Christmas tree, you can make your holidays much safer. Don't forget to check your fire extinguisher and ensure it is in good working condition.

The 18th Wing Fire Department put together some safety tips for holiday decorating and lighting;

◆ When decorating Christmas trees, use tree lights designed for indoor or outdoor use, but don't use both at the same time.

◆ Do not use electric lights on a metal tree.

◆ Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.

◆ Unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

◆ Under no circumstances is it safe to use lit candles to decorate Christmas trees!

◆ Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty

of water daily.

◆ When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

◆ Keep a watchful eye on children when around the Christmas tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights.

◆ Store matches and lighters up high and out of the reach of children.

◆ Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from heat sources and try to position it near an outlet so cords do not run long distances.

◆ Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dry trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house, garage, or placed against the house.

◆ Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings, and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Don't overload extension cords.

◆ Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the range.

◆ Test your smoke alarms, and let guests know what your fire escape plan is.

◆ Call 911 to report all fires.

Kadena Fire and Emergency services wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Who's the best loadmaster?



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Airman 1st Class Christopher Lutkus, a 67th Aircraft Maintenance Unit loadcrew member, performs munitions preparations before loading a missile onto an F-15 Eagle during the 18th Wing Annual Loadmaster of the Year competition Dec. 10.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Sehstedt, a 67th AMU loadcrew member, performs launcher preparations on an F-15 Eagle. Airman Sehstedt's team competed against four other 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron load crews during the competition. The team comprised of Airmen Lutkus, Sehstedt and Staff Sgt. Darrin Sather, a 67th AMU weapons load crew chief, were named the winners of the competition, and advanced to the Pacific Air Forces-level competition early next year.

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Ms. Grace said she has taught her students to sing songs in the host nation's language for years.

"We did Silent Night in German when I was stationed in Germany," she said after her students finished singing Silent Night in Japanese.

□ Kadena volunteers also gave gifts to more than 200 mentally handicapped children and adults during a Christmas party at the Yomitan Welfare Office Dec. 11.

□ More than 100 Kadena volunteers presented gifts to children from the Ishimine Orphanage at the Kadena Youth Center Dec. 12.

"Every one of the 84 children left with a huge smile on their face," explained Master Sgt. Michael Bowers, Kadena Community Actions Council president.

□ The 623rd Air Control Flight recently collected more than 130 toys in two weeks to support the "Operation Giving" toy drive that will donate to needy Okinawan children.

□ Airmen from various units plan to visit the Yomitan Child Support Center and introduce Santa to more than 20 underprivileged children Dec. 18. For the second straight year, members of the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron plan to sing songs, hand out gifts and cook American-style food for the children.

□ More than 30 Kadena High School Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets will be singing carols at Camp Lester Naval Hospital Dec. 22.

Death from fall affects Kadena

Thomas Ball, age 37, died Dec. 11 after falling down a flight of stairs outside a restaurant at about 2:45 a.m. on Gate 2 street, outside Kadena Air Base. 18th Security Forces responded and transported Ball to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa by a local ambulance, where he was pronounced dead from severe head trauma. Ball, who was a maintenance team leader for MCCS's Facilities Maintenance Branch, is survived by his wife, who is a civilian employee on Kadena, and his children. Okinawa Prefectural Police are investigating the incident.

TSP begins catch-up contributions enrollment for 2005

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center's benefits and entitlements service team automated systems are now available for 2005 Thrift Savings Plan catch-up contribution enrollments.

"TSP catch-up contributions are additional tax-deferred contributions, separate from [regular] contributions," said Janet Thomas, a human resources specialist at the center here.

To be eligible for catch-up contributions, employees must be age 50 or older in the year in which the first deduction occurs, be in a "pay" status, and be making regular contributions at either the maximum TSP percentage or an amount that will reach the Internal Revenue Service limit by the end of the year, she said.

More information

Additional information is available online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm under "Thrift Savings Plan," and the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

"They also must not be in the six-month noncontribution period following a financial hardship in-service withdrawal," Ms. Thomas said.

Employees contributing to other eligible tax-deferred retirement programs, such as a 401k, need to be aware that the IRS limit applies to the total contributed to all eligible tax-deferred retirement savings plans.

— Catch-up contributions have their own IRS annual limit that is separate from the annual limit for regular contributions. The maximum

catch-up contribution for 2005 is \$4,000, while the IRS limit for regular contributions will be \$14,000.

— There is no "open season" applicable to TSP catch-up contributions. Eligible employees may start, change, stop or restart catch-up contributions at any time. The BEST automated Web and phone system will accept catch-up contribution enrollments beginning Dec. 12 for contributions to be deducted in 2005.

— Enrollments submitted between Dec. 12 and 25 will be

effective Dec. 26, with the first contribution deducted from the Jan. 14 pay. Subsequent enrollments will be effective at the beginning of the next pay period.

— Catch-up contributions will automatically stop with the last pay date in the year, or upon reaching the maximum catch-up dollar limit for the year, whichever comes first. Because the IRS limit for catch-up contributions changes each year, participants must submit a new election each year.

— Eligible Air Force-served civilian employees may enroll for catch-up contributions online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm or through the BEST phone system. The online system is also available through the Air Force portal at www.my.af.mil.



Cleaning up after Mother Nature

Kadena Airmen contribute to Philippines relief

CLARK AIRFIELD, Philippines— Tech. Sgt. Nick McCaskill and Airman 1st Class Jeff Layton, both Kadena pararescuemen, load sacks of canned goods, flour and rice inside relief operations at Clark Airfield, Philippines. About 600 U.S. military troops are in the Philippines providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to residents flooding and landslides displaced about 168,000 people and leaving more than 1,400 dead or missing. Air Force and Marine helicopters are flying daily missions to the str



Tech. Sgt. Don Currier, pararescuemen from Kadena's 33rd Rescue Squadron, delivers sacks of supplies aboard an HH-60 Pavehawk to Real City, Philippines Dec. 14.

Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

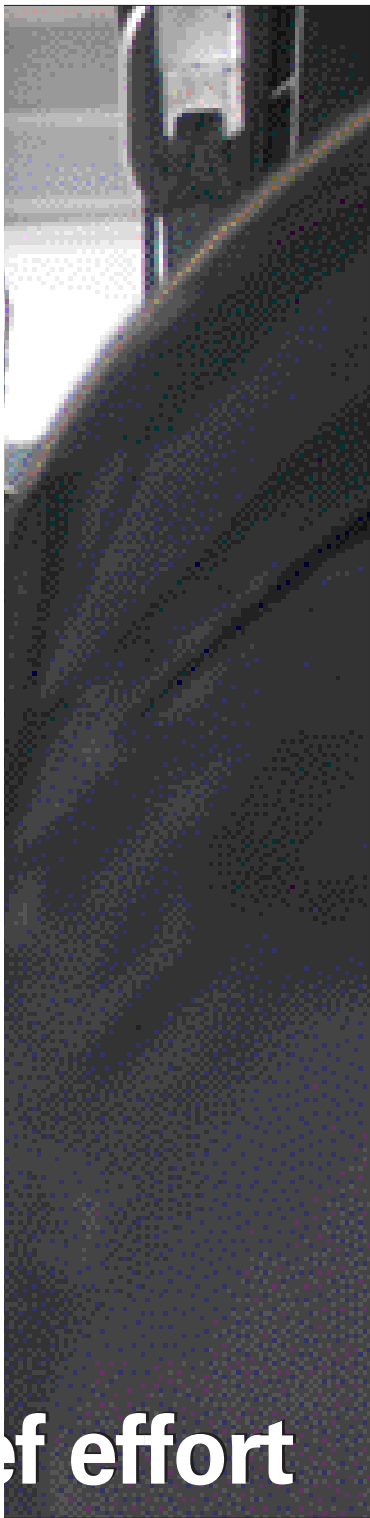


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ON THEIR WAY: A 33rd Rescue Squadron HH-60 Pavehawk Quezon Province during typhoon relief operations at Clark pines, Dec. 13.

PASS THE BAGS PLEASE: Tech. Sgt. William Walden, center Kadena's 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, helps load s goods, rice and flour inside a Marine CH-53 helicopter during operations at Clark Airfield.

SUITING UP: Tech. Sgt. Keith Kleinert, 33rd Rescue Squad helmet before boarding an HH-60 Pavehawk destined for 1 from Kadena Dec. 9.



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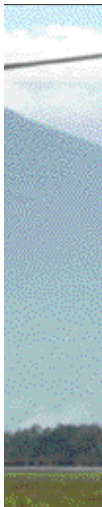


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LOADING UP: Marines load sacks of canned goods, rice and flour inside an HH-60 helicopter from Kadena's 33rd Rescue Squadron Dec. 13.
TAKEOFF: An HH-60 Pavehawk from Kadena's 33rd Rescue Squadron transport personnel assisting in the typhoon relief operations at Clark Airfield, Philippines, Dec 13. The group was taken to Quezon Province where U.S. military troops are providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to local residents.



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RIGHT THIS WAY: Staff Sgt. Kevin Ward, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshals an HH-60 Pavehawk taking off at Kadena Dec. 9. Three 33rd Rescue Squadron helicopters, two supporting MC-130 Combat Shadows from the 353rd Special Operations Group, and a supporting KC-135 Stratotanker aerial refueler deployed from Kadena for a seven hour, 750-mile journey to Clark Airfield, Philippines. Approximately 50 Kadena Airmen joined up with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade as part of Joint Task Force 535.
DIRECTIONS: Lt. Col. Billy Thompson, 33rd Rescue Squadron pilot, prepares the navigation system of an HH-60 Pavehawk prior to takeoff from Kadena Dec. 9.



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Compiled from staff reports

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

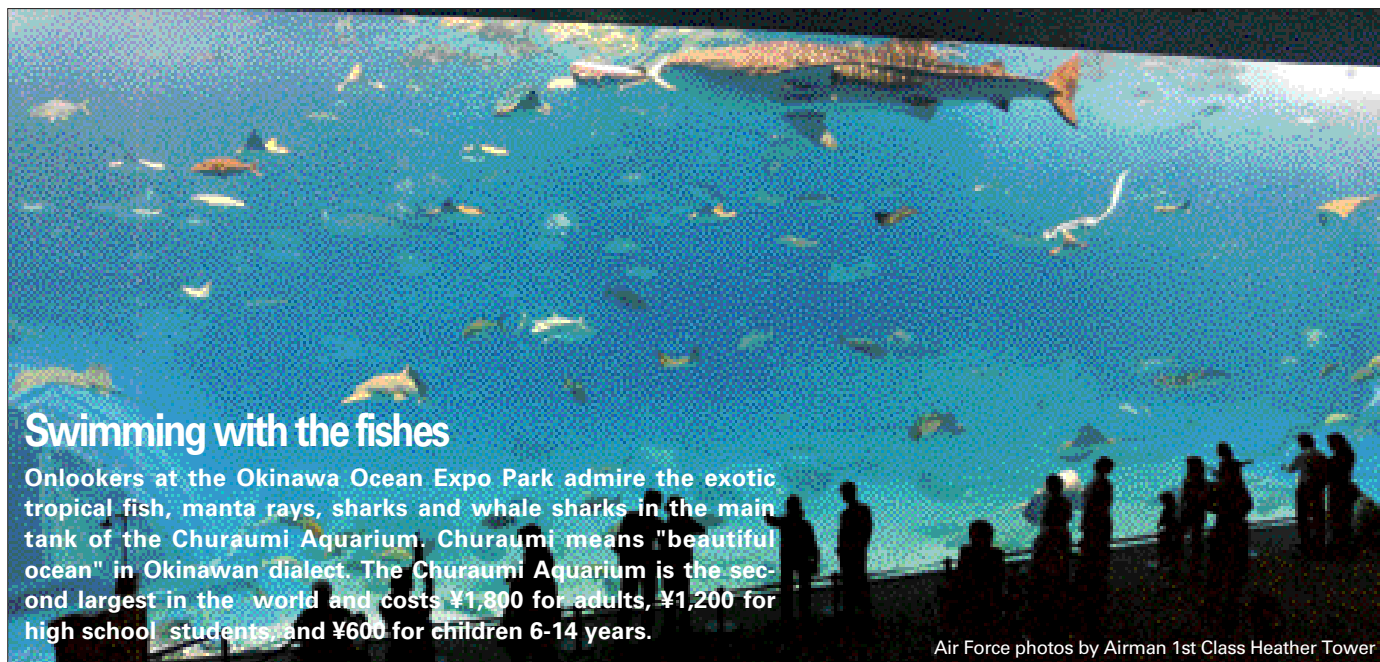
□ There were strong protests from local officials after smoke from Kadena's munitions area interrupted classes at Kadena High School Dec. 10. More than 70 students were evacuated from the school after smoke canisters used to simulate combat conditions failed to evaporate during a morning weather anomaly.

□ Ambassador Yuji Miyamoto, who became the fifth ambassador to Okinawa Dec. 10, expressed his desire to fill the issue "differences" between mainland Japan and Okinawa.

□ Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Tanigawa visited Okinawa Wednesday to discuss base issues with Okinawa governor Keiichi Inamine. The minister talked with Brig. Gens. James Flock, Camp Butler commander, and Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, and visited Okinawa University, where a Marine CH-46D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed Aug. 13.

□ The Chatan Town Assembly passed a resolution Dec. 14 demanding Kadena officials to: follow the noise prevention agreement, restrict non-Kadena based aircraft from flying at Kadena, prohibit joint use of the base with Japan Air Self Defense Force, and avoid integrating functions from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Kadena.

□ National Police Agency officials announced plans to create an antiterrorism special assault unit in fiscal year 2005 for the Okinawa Prefecture. Growing concerns on global terrorism and the geographical location of Okinawa were cited as the main reasons behind the decision. The considerable time it takes for special units from other prefectures to get to Okinawa was also a factor.



Swimming with the fishes

Onlookers at the Okinawa Ocean Expo Park admire the exotic tropical fish, manta rays, sharks and whale sharks in the main tank of the Churaumi Aquarium. Churaumi means "beautiful ocean" in Okinawan dialect. The Churaumi Aquarium is the second largest in the world and costs ¥1,800 for adults, ¥1,200 for high school students, and ¥600 for children 6-14 years.

Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Heather Tower



Ocean Expo park has an aquarium, free dolphin shows at the outdoor Okichan Theater, and an Oceanic Culture Museum. Ocean Expo Park is open December to February from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March to July 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and July 20 to Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.



"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil.

Q : What do Japanese people do for Christmas?

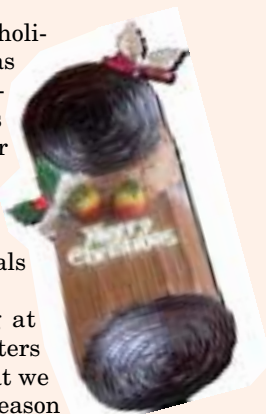
A : Christmas was one of the first western celebrations introduced during the Meiji Period (1868 – 1912) and is widely celebrated.

Less than one percent of the Japanese population is Christian, so Christmas isn't celebrated as a religious observance. Instead it's a time to celebrate and eat Christmas cake. As a result, Christmas is the busiest time of year for bakeries.

Many say that Christmas is a holiday for lovers. What started out as an opportunity to hold a celebration in the middle of winter has become a special time of the year for lovers. Most of the gifts exchanged are between young couples. Christmas Eve is famous for the number of wedding proposals made and accepted.

You can tell just from looking at businesses and entertainment centers while you drive down Route 58, that we love bright lights. The Christmas season gives us an excuse to go wild and "do illumination" (our term for decorating with lights). Many merchants make extravagant displays, especially larger stores, fancier restaurants, and resort hotels. It's worthwhile to drive to some of the resort hotels and tourist areas just to look at the lights.

Most Christmas decorations are removed immediately after Christmas so that we can get ready for the New Year.



Holiday Parade cruise 'n snooze



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower (Clockwise from left front) Kyra, 3, and Caleb Phillips, 1, children of Senior Airman Tamica Phillips, Daysia (sleeping), 1, daughter of Senior Airman Renisha Smith, and Janae Talley, 1, daughter of Senior Airman Travis Talley, ride in a buggy as part of the Niko Niko Child Development Center group during the Holiday Parade Dec. 9. The parade was originally scheduled Dec. 3, but was cancelled due to poor weather resulting from Typhoon Nanmadol.

Today

RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING: Bring your spouse or co-worker (your right hand person) to the Officers' club Weekender Lounge from 5 to 7 p.m. as a way to say "thank you" for all they do.

NORMAN FOOTE SHOW: An award-winning singer and songwriter will delight both adults and children with his free holiday performance at the Youth Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to members and their families.

KUMON MATH: Children ages five to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

URASHIMA DINNER THEATER TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Super Ladies Night starting at 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super Snacks from 5 to 7 p.m., Re-mix Fridays—all the best top 40 hits of today and years gone by—from 7 p.m. until closing.

Saturday

WEST MARINE CHRISTMAS DINNER CRUISE TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

MOVIES	
Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.	
Keystone Theater	
▲ Today.....	Spongebob Squarepants, PG, 6 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Spongebob Squarepants, PG, noon
▲ Sunday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 4 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	Spongebob Squarepants, PG, noon
▲ Wednesday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 4 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.
Butler Theater	
▲ Today.....	Alexander, R, 6:30 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 10:30 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Shark Tale, PG, 1 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 4 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	Alexander, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 9 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	Shark Tale, PG, 1 p.m.
▲ Friday.....	Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 4 p.m.
▲ Saturday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday.....	Shark Tale, PG, 5 p.m.
▲ Monday.....	Alexander, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday.....	National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.....	Spongebob Squarepants, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday.....	Team America: World Police, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Friday.....	Closer, R, 7 p.m.

EVENING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT KOKUSAI STREET TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

NORMAN FOOTE SHOW: An award-winning singer and songwriter will delight both adults and children with his free holiday performance at the Schilling Community Center at 6 p.m.

PET ADOPTION DAY: Interact with pets from Karing Kennels awaiting adoption at the Kadena base exchange from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pets can be adopted on the spot or collected at a later date. Call 632-4062.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST: Build your own ginger bread house and have it judged from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 634-0500 for more information.

ROCK DANCE: Join the Teen Center for a fun evening of rock from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for members and \$3 if they show their Teen Center Card and \$5 for nonmembers.

CARD AND COMIC SHOW: Free admission to buy, trade or sell comics, cards and other collectables from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Vendor tables are \$5 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

FRESHWATER PEARLS FROM HONG KONG: Made to order freshwater pearls as well as a selection of pearls in all shapes and sizes, sterling silver, 14K gold, jade and more today at the Schilling Community Center.

WESTERN NIGHT: Get out your cowboy boots and hat and two step over to the Weekender Lounge at the Kadena Officers' Club from 6 p.m. to midnight for an evening of country hits and fun. Open to Officers club members only.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you're unsure how to play, we'll show you.

KADENA OFFICERS CLUB: The Flame Room will be closed today.

MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Best of the Top 40 and Latin in the lounge from 8 p.m. until closing.

Sunday

HARLEM AMBASSADORS: Watch the Harlem Ambassadors, featuring Lade Majic, Queen of show basketball live, at the Falcon Fitness Center starting at 6 p.m. Call 634-

2207 for more details.

THE KINGDOM FESTIVAL IN RYUKYU TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

BANYAN TREE: Enjoy the biggest sporting events of the day from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a Sunday special of ribs and fries from 7 to 9 p.m. on the patio. Top 30 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

RENT-A-LANE: Avoid the crowd Sunday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. and up to five bowlers can rent a lane for \$15 for three hours.

BREAKFAST BUFFET: Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Morrell Room of the Rocker NCO Club. Cost: \$6.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Children five to 12 years are \$3.95 for members, \$4.95 for nonmembers. Children under five are free.

ROCKER COLLEGIATE GAME DAY: Root for your favorite college football team at the Rocker NCO Club starting at 7:30 a.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: All that Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Open Mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

Monday

MEGA 40-FRAME BOWLING TOUR-NAMENT: Try your chance at winning prizes and cash. Check in at 6 and bowl at 7 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Sign-ups required.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Fifty cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and Variety Dance Hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rock around the clock with C Note and classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

Tuesday

TAI CHI CH'UAN: For ages 18 years and up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

OKINAWAN CRAFTS EXPLO- RATION TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and win cash prizes at a pool tournament starting at 8 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Krazy Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday

SOUTHEAST BOTANICAL GARDEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

KUMON MATH: Children ages five to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

OKINAWA DANCE: Enhance your stay on Okinawa by learning traditional expressive dance forms unique to the island from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

SIGN UP FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS: Sign up for January's classes at the Kadena arts and crafts center. Call 634-1666 for more details.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Rock night Banyan style featuring the best in local rock bands from 8 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School music from 8 p.m. until closing.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (BANYAN): Enjoy a Mardi Gras Theme night with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Banyan Tree Club. Lounge opens at 7 p.m., ballroom opens at 9 p.m. Tick- et sales can be purchased at the cashier's cage; members \$10, non- members \$15.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (ROCK- ER): Attend the New Year's Eve Island Paradise Theme Party and Super Ladies Night extravaganza and enjoy dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. and a breakfast buffet from 12:30 to 1:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the cashier's cage; \$30 for mem- bers, \$35 for nonmembers.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (OFFI- CERS): Enjoy a fabulous New Year's Eve dinner buffet at the Kadena Officers Club in the Kuda- ka Dining area starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by live entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets purchased through Dec. 30 will be \$19.95 for members, \$29.95 for spouse or guest, and \$39.95 for non- members. Tickets will be sold at the door if any remain.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT OKUMA: Spend New Year's Eve at Okuma for great live entertainment including fireworks, giveaways, karaoke, free babysitting, and live music. Purchase tickets at Kadena ITT, located in the Schilling Com- munity Center; \$20 for adults, \$5 for children seven to 16 years and free for children 6 and under.

NEW YEARS BOWLING:

Bowl in the New Year at Emery Lanes 50s theme night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Purchase a package before Dec. 27 for \$75 to include your own lane for the night, all the bowling you can bowl, shoe rental, party favors, champagne or sparkling cider, and more, for up to a party of five.

Thursday

SOUTHEAST BOTANICAL GARDEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322.

TAI CHI CH'UAN: For ages 18 years and up from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, cul- ture and language from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

SALSA DANCE LESSONS: Learn the basics of Salsa Dance in the free weekly classes in the Weekender Lounge of the Kadena Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to Officers' Club members only.

Holiday Chapel Hours

Catholic	
▲ Dec. 24: Family Mass—Chapel 1, 5 p.m.	
Vigil Mass—Chapel 3, 9 p.m.	
Christmas Carols—Chapel 1, 11:30 p.m.	
Christmas Mass—Chapel 1, midnight.	
▲ Dec. 25: Christmas Mass—Chapel 3, 9 p.m.	
▲ Dec. 26: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass—Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.	
Mass—Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m.	
Mass—Chapel 1, 5 p.m.	
▲ Dec. 31: The Blessed Virgin Mary—Chapel 3, 6 p.m.	
Protestant	
▲ Sunday: Christmas Cantata—Chapel 1, 7 p.m.	
▲ Dec. 24: Family Christmas Eve Service, Chapel 3, 5 p.m.	
Carols and Liturgy Service, Chapel 2, 6 p.m.	
Candlelight Christmas Eve, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.	
Candlelight and Communion, Chapel 3, 11 p.m.	
▲ Dec. 31: Watch Night Service, Chapel 3, 10 p.m.	
▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.	
▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486	
▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027	
▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219	

Kadena routs Schwab, claims OFL championship

Cpl. Jonathan K. Teslevich
Camp Foster Public Affairs

CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA, Japan — The Kadena Dragons, behind power running back Trent Beavers, clutch quarterback Paul Robinson and a smothering defense, scored 36 unanswered points in the final three quarters to clobber the Schwab Panthers 44-14 in the Okinawa Football League championship game here Dec. 11.

Beavers, the league's most valuable player, ran around and through the Panthers' defense for nearly 200 yards and two touchdowns, while Robinson threw three touchdown passes as the Dragon defense shut down the Panthers' wide-open offense after a first-quarter scoring spurt.

The Dragons opened the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Robinson to tight end Sam Wicks in the corner of the end zone.

The Panthers immediately answered back, when quarterback Jermaine Par-

low flipped a short pass to fleet-footed, wide receiver David Burnell who, in his best Barry Sanders imitation, sprinted his way past the better part of the Kadena defense for a 44-yard touchdown run.

Less than five minutes later, Parlow dove in from two yards out to give the Panthers a 14-8 lead, putting the Dragons behind for only the second time this season.

"Schwab's been a good first-quarter, first-half team all season," said Dragons coach William Cupp. "That doesn't excuse us from not keeping them out of the end zone."

The Dragons responded to the first quarter adversity in their traditional fashion by putting up huge amounts of points quickly.

Beavers started the second-quarter scoring surge with a 29-yard touchdown scamper, tying the game at 14.

Wicks jumped into the scoring pool again, out-leaping a Panthers defensive back to pull down a Robinson throw to prance



Marine Corps/Photo by Cpl. Jonathan K. Teslevich

Kadena Dragons offensive coach Art Small talks over the next play with the Dragon offense during their 44-14 victory over the Schwab Panthers in the Okinawa Football League championship here Saturday. After falling behind 14-8, the Dragons finished an undefeated season by dominating the Panthers offensively and defensively in the final three quarters, outscoring them 36-0.

in for a 74-yard score and 22-14 lead.

On the Panthers' ensuing possession, Dragons linebacker James Francis snatched a Parlow shovel pass out of the air, returning it 40 yards for another score.

"He (Parlow) tossed it to one of his guys, who tipped it, and I just grabbed it out of the air and took off," Francis said.

The game, which had favored the Panthers just 15 minutes prior, reached halftime with the offensively potent Dragons leading

30-14.

With a big lead, the second-half featured a slowed-down offense for the Dragons, who used Beavers to run the ball and the clock down. His nearly 200-yard rushing performance was capped off with a third-quarter 5-yard touchdown run, making the score 38-14.

As the fourth-quarter wound down, the Dragons put the last nail in the Panthers' coffin when Robinson found wide receiver Christopher Clarke, who again beat the Panthers

defensive back in a jump-ball contest, and walked in for the score.

With a decisive, 30-point victory, the Dragons took the 2004 OFL championship with the same unstoppable play they displayed in their perfect 10-0 season.

"Our playbook wasn't big enough to carry us deep into the game," said Panthers coach Robert Bufkin. "Our guys played hard, (but) Kadena was Kadena. My hat's off to them, they're a championship team."

Steppin' up with aerobics



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Janis Wooten, family consumer sciences teacher at Kubasaki High School, teaches the Jazzercise class at the Risner Fitness Center Monday. The hour long class is held Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the fitness center. The Risner Fitness Center will also hold an Aerobathon from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Kadena's upcoming sports activities

Harlem Ambassadors "Around the World" Tour

The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors 2004-2005 "Around the World" Tour, covering Europe, Asia, and North America, will stop at Kadena for a game at the Falcon Fitness Center Sunday at 6 p.m.

"It's Not Your Grandfather's Basketball Show," is the slogan for the Ambassadors. "It means we offer a younger, fresher, livelier basketball show," explained Dale Moss, the Ambassador's president.

The Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling, and comedy routines led by Lade Majic, Queen of Show Basketball. As the only woman player on the team, Lade Majic has played more show basketball games than any woman in history.

The Ambassadors Tour has carried the team to 39 states and 19 foreign countries.

The Harlem Ambassadors are the leading provider of entertainment to the U.S. military, having performed at over 100 different bases worldwide.

"We are extremely proud of our relationship with the military," Moss noted. The team has performed for troops deployed in front-line positions in the Balkans and Korea.

For more information on the Harlem

Ambassador's free performance at the Falcon Fitness Center, call 634-2207.

Twelve Days of Fitness

Exercise your way through the holidays with the Risner and Falcon Fitness Centers now until Jan. 4.

Take part in the free fitness promotion and earn awards and prizes!

Patrons must log at least 12 different workout of 30 minutes or longer.

Visit the front counter of the Risner or Falcon fitness centers, or call 634-5128 for more information.

American-Japanese Friendship Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Kadena Tennis Center will host the American Japanese Friendship Doubles Tennis Tournament from Jan. 22-30. Below are the dates for the each division:

Jan. 22 to 23: Men's Intermediate Division and Women's Open Division

Jan. 29 to 30: Men's Open Division and Women's Intermediate Division

Games start at 1 p.m. each day. Entries are accepted until Jan. 1, and costs \$40 per team. Call the Kadena Tennis Center at 634-0695 for more details.